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Ms. Mary Mulligan, Environmental Liaison Brownfield Specialist City of Gary/Planning Department 475 Broadway. Suite 306 Cary, Indiana 46402

Mr. Arthur A. Schulcz Environmental Counsel, LLP 4910 Massachusetts Avenue, NW Suite 221 Washington, DC 20016

Re: Gary Chicago Regional Airport Environmental Task Force Meeting

Dear Mr. Schulcz:

A Gary Chicago Regional Airport Environmental Task Force has recently been established to coordinate and share information concerning remedial activities and time lines for properties within the present and future airport expansion zones. The development and expansion of the Gary Chicago Regional Airport is a key component in Gary's economic and environmental revitalization plans.

During previous meetings, internal and external to the Gary Chicago Regional Airport Environmental Task Force, the MIDCO II site has been a topic of discussion. The remedial, closure design and future use parameters of MIDCO II has to be addressed in the Gary Chicago Regional Airport's development and expansion plans.

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Because of the proximity of the MIDCO II site to the Airport, it is imperative that the remedial and closure design used does not impede aircraft landing approaches. It would be preferable if the site could be closed with a surface level cap that would allow for future development opportunities.

The City of Gary would like to enter into discussions with the PRP's and the U.S. EPA regarding possible changes in the present MIDCO II Consent Decree and deed restrictions to better coordinate expansion planning activities for the Cary/Chicago Regional Airport.

We are also extending to you (the PRP's) an invitation to the next meeting of the Gary/Chicago Regional Airport Environmental Task Force. This meeting will be held at the Airport in the Administration Building on May 13, 1998 from 10 am to 12 noon.

Thank you for your past cooperative efforts with the City of Gary regarding the MIDCO II site. We look forward to working with you to achieve a mutually satisfactory remedial, closure design and future use designation for this property. I will be calling you regarding your participation and to schedule future meetings as required.

Sincerely,

Mary Mulligan

CC:

Mr. Michael Berman, U.S. EPA

Mr. Richard E. Boice, U.S. EPA

Mr. Ben Clement. Director - Economic Development City of Gary